161. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

a. whether the Chairman of the Trichur Municipality had forwarded for publication in the Government Gazette a copy of the Proceedings of the meeting of the Trichur Municipal Council, dated 7th Edavam 1102;

b. whether along with a copy of the Proceedings referred to in (a), the Chairman had forwarded a copy of the dissenting minute of Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja on a resolution of the Council appearing in the Proceedings referred to in (a) regarding a rice mill near Kokkalai;

c. whether the Proceedings referred to in (a) and the minute referred to in (b) have been published in the Gazette;

d. if the minutes referred to in (b) have not been published, what are the reasons for not publishing it;

e. whether the publication of the minute referred to in (b) has been countermanned by any officer of the Government; if so, by whom and for what reasons;

f. whether copies of the Proceedings of Municipal Councils and dissenting minutes forwarded with those Proceedings are usually placed before the officer mentioned in (e) for approval or for sanction to publish; if so, whether such papers are so placed under orders of Government; if so, what is the date of the order or orders?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—a. Yes.

b. Yes.

c. The Proceedings but not the minutes were published.

d. The publication of dissenting minutes is discretionary.

e. The Press Superintendent is competent to withhold publication of dissenting minutes.

f. The question does not arise

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is the use of this discretion to be regulated by attendant circumstances?

President.—Whatever circumstances are necessary to be considered for exercising the discretion will have to be considered. Attendant circumstances, relevant circumstances, material circumstances, all these will be considered.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I to take it as an answer to my supplementary question?

President.—You may take it to be so.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what were the circumstances under which the publication of the minutes was withheld?

President.—All the circumstances required to be considered were taken into consideration.

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what they are ?

President.—Government cannot say.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is it because that the circumstances are of a confidential nature ?

President.—No; not because they are of a confidential character.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what is the difficulty then ?

President.—We cannot say what were the circumstances. We cannot enumerate them.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I ask what were the circumstances considered in this matter?

President.—Government can say 'all circumstances, all the relevant circumstances' ; they are not going to particularise the circumstances.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph —May I be informed about at least one circumstance ?

President.—No, not even one.

162. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

a. whether the dissenting minute of Councillor Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja of the Trichur Municipality regarding the new Rice Mill affair near Kokkalai was sent to the Gazette ; and if so, why it was not published in the Gazette along with the Proceedings of the Council which accompanied it;

b. the date upon which they were received for publication;

c. any other instances in which portions of Municipal Council Proceedings were withheld from publicity ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—a. Vide answer to question No. 161.

b. 13th Edavam 1102.

c. There are no instances where portions of Municipal Council Proceedings were withheld from publication.

The Ollur Panchayat.

163. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of meetings held by the present Ollur Panchayat;

(b) the number of meetings attended by each of the members ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Twenty-eight.

(b)

1.	President Mr. Kallukaran Poulose ..	28
2.	Member Mr. E. Uzhuthra Wariar ..	10
3.	,, ,, Erinjeri Ouseph	27
4.	,, ,, Akkara Mathew	25
5.	,, ,, Kalliath Chakkoru	Nil

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